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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2007, the due date for response to which has been extended to May 4, 2007, by filing the attached Petition for a one month Extension of Time and paying appropriate government fees. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due; however, in the event this is not the case, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the amendments below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.